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RIDLEY-THOMAS APPLAUDS EXTENSION OF LA BIOMED CONTRACT FOR HARBOR-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER

Los Angeles—Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas today applauded the extension of the Los Angeles Bio-Medical Research Institute's (LA BioMed) contract to continue grant-funded medical research and education services at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. The contract was extended pending completion of the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center Master Plan, which is scheduled to be completed by June 2014.

"With today's contract extension, Harbor-UCLA will continue to provide quality medical services and conduct groundbreaking research, as the County develops a comprehensive master plan for the campus," said Supervisor Ridley-Thomas. "This innovative partnership, which comes at very limited cost to the County, allows us to maintain the consistent delivery of health care to County patients."

The current agreement with LA BioMed, approved by the Board of Supervisors in 1992, is set to expire on December 31, 2010. Today's vote authorizes the Director of Health Services to extend the contract for eighteen months to June 30, 2012.

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